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The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 RECEIVED & INSPECTED

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May 13, 2003

Dear Sir.

I am concerned about the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. For the sake of our democracy and freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, have worked in the past. The rules do not need to be fixed, their not broke.

Again, I urge you to help to ensure healthy debate in our country, by <u>not relaxing the broadcast ownership rules.</u>

Sincerely,

David M. McGaha

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1232 East Driggs Avenue Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

May 12, 2003

Commissioner Jonathan S Adelstein Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



Dear Commissioner,

As I understand it, the FCC is under pressure to make changes to relax its rules regarding ownership of radio and television facilities in the United States.

I have already asked my congressman and U.S. senators to vote against any mergers large enough to require congressional approval. But it appears that FCC rules are also a factor in protecting us from mega-corporations.

Please don't make changes which could impinge on diversity of expression in the broadcast industry.

If we need changes, they should be in the opposite direction. We have only one cable company in Salt Lake City, for example. That would be reason enough for me to not subscribe. (Unfortunately, my wife thinks she "needs" cable and has enough of her own money to subscribe anyway.)

If the FCC were to relax it's rules, thus allowing the broadcast industry to move in the direction of area or regional monopoly, would we see an outcry about it on Television? If that would be unlikely, we may already have too little diversity of expression as things stand now.

Yours Truly,

Roger Metzger

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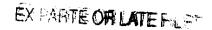
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Samuel K. Barrett Box 1139 Florence, OR 97439





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12 May, 2003

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13 May 2003
Richard F. Wilkins
4237 Mc Arthur Street
Jacksonville, FL 32207-6701

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

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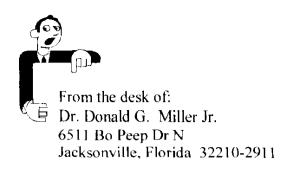
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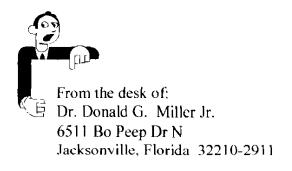
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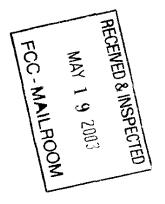
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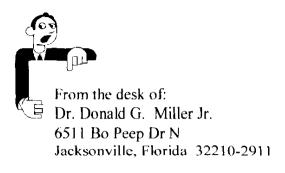
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Keith A. Stubblefield 1930 Margarett NW Salem, OR 97304-3633 May 12, 2003

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Thank you for not relaxing the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies.

Sincerely.

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Tim Cantwell 7158 Woodside Rd Pensacola, FL 32526 850 941-2144

The Honorable Michael K. Powell Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554



May 13, 2003

Dear Mr. Powell:

l urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

The FCC has licensed me for over 15 years. I currently hold an Amateur Radio License. And in the past I have supported many of the FCC changes to rules and regulations. I believe the proposed changes will pave the way for large media corporations to stifle the freedom of the airways by word and deed.

Americans need to hear honest and accurate information on broadcast TV and Radio. The corporations currently lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

For the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

I will be watching your vote on this matter.

Cordially

Tim Cantwell

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Sincerely,

Sam Barrett



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May 13, 2003

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Sincerely,

LCol USMC Retired

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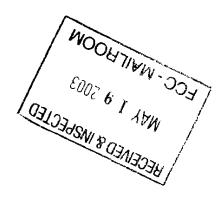
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May 11, 2003

Jonathan S. Adelstein Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 RECEIVED & INSPECTED
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

I urge the FCC to reject the proposed rule changes, relaxing restrictions on media ownership, which you are scheduled to consider on June 2.

If anything, restrictions on media ownership should be tightened in order to reverse the growing monopolization of media outlets, which threatens both consumer choice and the free exchange of information, analysis, and views vital to a democratic society.

The relaxation of radio station ownership rules by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has already led to domination of many local markets by Clear Channel, which has grown from 40 to 1,225 stations. Further rule relaxation would open other media to monopolization.

Free markets only function if information flows freely and monopolies are prevented. Because of the vital role the media play in a democratic society, preventing media consolidation is of particular importance.

Broadcast frequencies are owned by the public and licensed to their users. It is the duty of Congress and the FCC to see that licensing rules and practices preserve a free media marketplace.

Sincerely,

Charles I Delman



7507 Marion Street Forestville, MD 20747 May 13, 2003

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Please oppose the proposed rule change on broadcast ownership.

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I am writing to request that you oppose the proposed rule change to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. The proposed rule change would allow companies like Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC to further dominate the airways. They would be able to further prevent independent voices from access to media outlets to express views and disseminate information.

The big media companies have used their power in the past to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers. We would see cities, states and whole regions of the country subjected to a single viewpoint, promoted by these media behemoths, who would have complete control over radio and television news, newspapers and information in communities across our nation.

The American people have the right to have access to multiple points of view on important issues so they may help in deciding an issue that has an impact on their life, community and country. This is part of our democracy. It is a basis of our freedom and this proposed rule change would diminish that freedom.

I strongly urge you to oppose this proposed rule change. Piease continue the broadcast ownership protections that have for decades helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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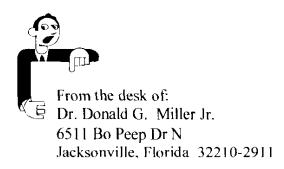
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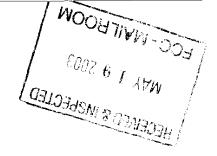
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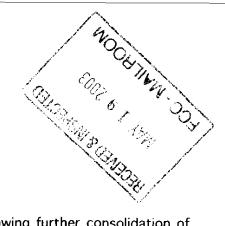
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May 12,03

Dear Chairman Powell Federal Communications Commission



We are alarmed about the FCC's proposed rule change allowing further consolidation of media ownership. We already have a dangerous degree of monopolization resulting in the homogenized reporting of national news. For example, we continued the same over-simplified reporting on the war in Iraq – no matter which news, her we read or which TV channel we watched.

The airways are public property. We should not turn them over exclusively to profit seeking corporations who can control everything we see or hear. Democracy needs diversity of points of view, to survive. Only totalitarian governments thrive on controlled information.

Please vigorously oppose any rule changes by the FCC which increase the opportunity for greater consolidation of media outlets under single corporate ownership.

Sincerely yours,

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William J. Taylor 406 Riverview Drive Auburn, California 95603-5734



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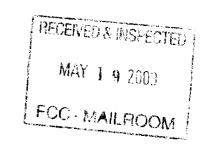
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I am very concerned about the recent move to relax the broadcast ownership rules of American Media. The rules, as they now exist, serve to keep any one view or political entity from dominating the airwaves and/or newspapers of America. Most of the large corporations seeking the proposed rule change have the very worst record of attempting to keep opposing viewpoints away from the public.

I strongly request that you oppose any relaxation of the existing broadcast ownership rules.

Sincerely,

William E. Simons

Commander, USN (Ret.)